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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA EXPELLS FRG AMBASSADOR; FRG AID  
TO SOMALIA

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(NOTAL); (C) NAIROBI 1144 (NOTAL)

1. THE WEEKEND FUROR OVER THE SCHLEI INTERVIEW AND  
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THE LANKES EXPULSION HAS DIED DOWN IN BONN AND THE  
SMOKE HAS BEGUN TO CLEAR. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER  
TOOK THE OCCASION OF A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF VISITING  
GABONESE PRESIDENT BONGO TO RESTATE THAT THE FRG  
HOLDS FAST TO ITS POLICY OF PROVIDING NO ARMS TO AREAS  
OF TENSION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. GENSCHER ALSO  
NOTED THAT ALL FRG AID OR CREDIT AGREEMENTS INCLUDE

PROVISIONS THAT THE AID IS INTENDED ONLY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECIPROCAL COUNTRY. BONGO ACCEPTED GENSCHER'S EXPLANATION AND BOTH STATESMEN REITERATED THEIR CONCERN THAT AFRICAN AFFAIRS REMAIN FREE FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS (CONFIRMED BY OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACTS), THE FORMAL AGREEMENT COVERING THE DM 25 MILLION CREDIT WAS SIGNED IN BONN ON JANUARY 12. AT THAT TIME, SOMALI AMBASSADOR BOKAH CONFIRMED THE SOMALI UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AID WAS TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC, NOT MILITARY PURPOSES. THE MORE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH KFW ON JANUARY 17 (REF A), AS BMZ MINISTER SCHLEI HAD REVEALED, DID NOT INCLUDE THE CUSTOMARY LISTING OF APPROVED PROJECTS. THIS WAS DONE TO PERMIT RAPID AND UNENCUMBERED SOMALI UTILIZATION OF THE AID GRANT. DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE OVERALL AID AGREEMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN MOGADISCIO DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23. (FRG TEAM WILL INCLUDE DR. EHMANN AND DR. HAMFELDT OF BMZ.)

3. ON JANUARY 23, SOMALIA SENT A NOTE VERBALE TO THE FRG STATING FOR THE RECORD ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DM 25 MILLION WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOMALIA. THE SOMALI EMBASSY IN BONN HAS ISSUED A CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

4. LAST EVENING (JANUARY 23), ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR DAGNE WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE. WE HAVE NO DETAILS YET ON HIS CONVERSATIONS THERE. BEFORE THE MEETING, HOWEVER, DAGNE TOLD THEPRESS THAT ETHIOPIA DID NOT WISH TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE FRG. HE SAID THAT THE EXPULSION OF FRG AMBASSADOR LANKES WAS NOT DUE TO THE FRG CREDIT TO SOMALIA; RATHER, IT WAS CAUSED BY ETHIOPIAN DISPLEASURE OVER LANKES, ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER BILATERAL RELATIONS.

5. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN OFFICE (INCLUDING GENSCHER) IS QUITE UPSET WITH MARIE SCHLEI FOR WHAT IS SEEN AS THE GROSS LACK OF POLITICAL JUDGMENT EMBODIED IN HER WEEKEND PRESS INTERVIEW (IN WHICH SHE REPORTED THAT FRG AID TO SOMALIA WAS UNTIED AND THEREFORE OPEN FOR WEAPONS PURCHASES.) TECHNICALLY, SHE WAS CORRECT-- THERE WAS NO LISTING OF APPROVED GOODS IN THE KFW AGREEMENT--BUT CONCLUSIONS SHE DREW FROM THIS (MILITARY AID) WERE INCORRECT. MOREOVER, SHE SHOULD HAVE

REALIZED THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF HER SPECULATION.  
THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS INTENTLY WATCHING FOR  
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S REACTION TO THE IMBROGLIO.  
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